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Docket # 98N-1265  
FDA  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville MD 20852

Dear FDA:

Please amend the Memorandum of Understanding as published by the FDA on January 21, 1999, so that it does not restrict the sale of compounding pharmacies to 5%.

The Memorandum of Understanding is a direct threat to the art of pharmacy compounding and is of concern to every consumer of healthcare services and products. The FDA is an agency of the U. S. Government that purports to be the "watchdog" for the consumer. However, as a governmental agency, the FDA also has a responsibility to be accountable to the people.

What you are proposing in the MOU is highly unfair and discriminates against those consumers who do not live in a state where these preferred products preferred by their physicians are compounded. Not every state has these products!

Please amend the memorandum of understanding so that we can buy the products that the more enlightened physicians recommend. You already have prevented these pharmacies from advertising their products in the way that the giant pharmaceutical companies do on television and other forms of media, so shouldn't that make you satisfied?

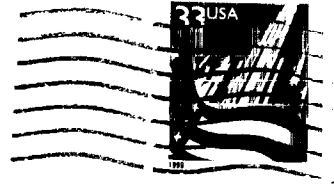
Sincerely,

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